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(57) Abstract: Described is a spherical coated capsule comprising (a) a coating-free capsule having (i) a liquid or viscous core and (ii) a seamless solid shell surrounding this core, and (b) a seamless, solid coating surrounding said coating-free capsule, wherein - the diameter of the coated capsule is in the range of 5 - 9 mm, - the solid coating comprises at least one sugar or sugar-alcohol in an amount from about 30 - 90% (m/m), based on the total mass of the coated capsule, - the diameter of the coating-free capsule is in the range of 3 - 7 mm, the thickness of the shell of said coating-free capsule is in the range of 20 - 200 µm, - the ratio of shell thickness to diameter of said coating-free capsule is in the range of 0.004 - 0.04 , - the shell of said coating-free capsule contains 70 - 90 % (m/m) gelatine or alginate and 10 - 30 % (m/m) plasticiser, based on the solids content of said shell, and - the core has a flavouring content in the range of 1 - 100 % (m/m), based on the total mass of the core. Further described is a method for preparing such capsule.

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